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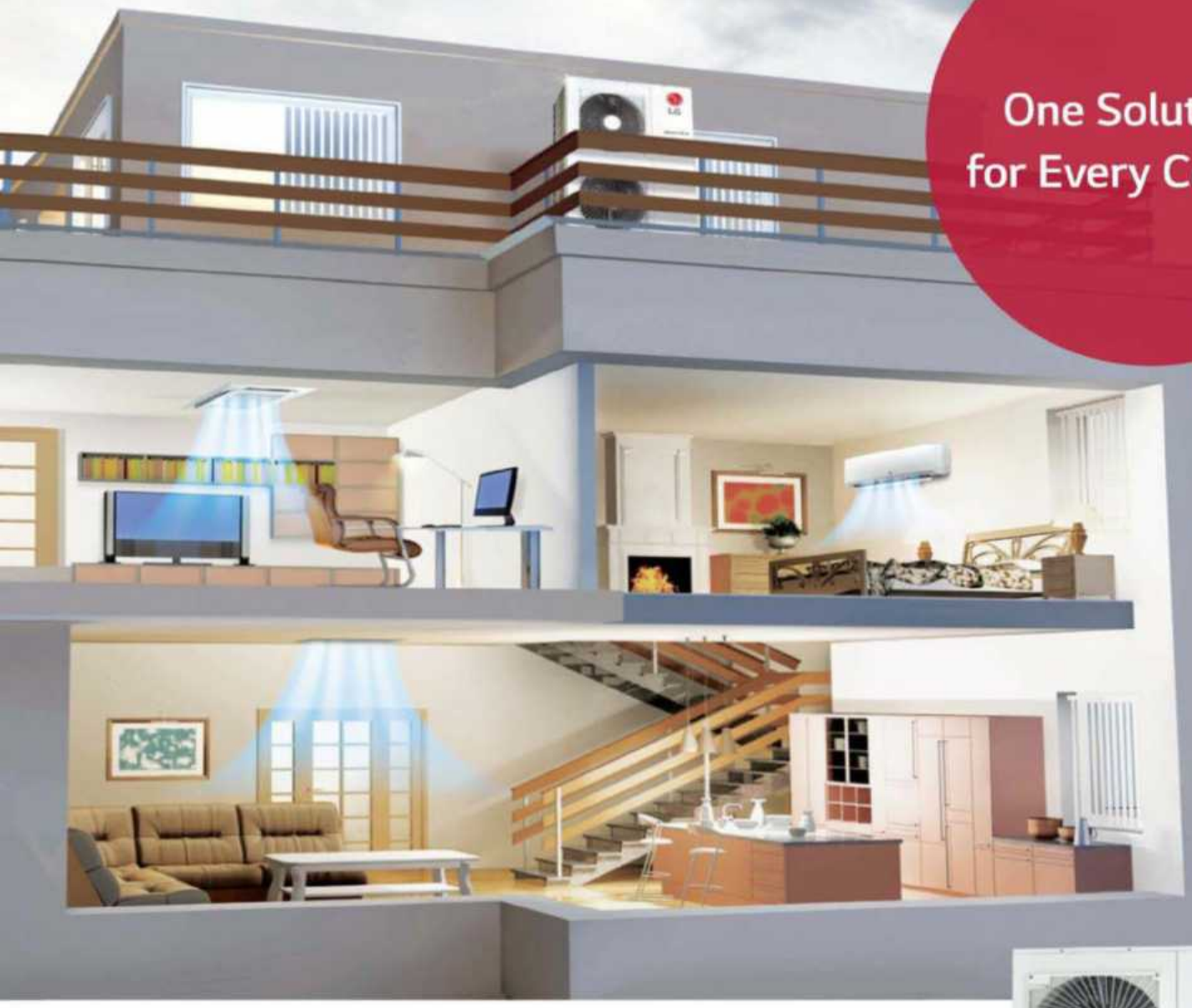
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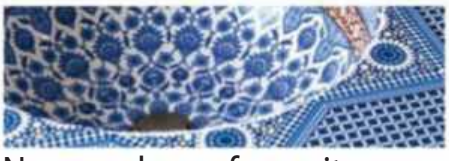
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Straight TALK

A strange thing happened with me recently. At one of our shoots. As we flipped through the numerous products we had so painstakingly curated for our shoots, one colourful piece of tile in particular caught my eye. There was something deeply familiar about it, and yet I could not put my finger to it immediately. We moved onto doing other things, but the thought remained somewhere.

And suddenly in the middle of a busy day, it struck me. That print that had caught my fancy was exactly the kind of flooring that my old colonial home in Kolkata still has. And almost immediately, the memories came rushing back—those long afternoons spent playing on the floor, my toys and dolls laden all over the place, mamma's loving admonition, grandpa taking a nap on his easy chair, and that much more. It's amazing how in the humdrum of our daily city lives, there is so much we take for granted, and yet, there is one part of us that remains ingrained to our roots forever. All it needs is a trigger.

Putting this Flooring & Tiles special issue together proved to be the trigger for me, to go back to those good old days. It's remarkable how the entire flooring & tiles industry is now largely a marriage of the modern (technology) & traditional (patterns). And I absolutely love that vintage patterns are the hottest thing in the industry right now!

And that is what you will see over the next few pages. Go ahead, take your pick.

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MY PICKS:



Bandhini's Home Equestrian is any home lover's delight.

Anita Dongre's newly-opened store, Grassroots, in Mumbai, is a source of natural inspiration.





The Breezy Blues collection from thehomelabel.com is definitely going to find a place in my home.

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I love the way TIHG curates its 'Shopping Spree' pages. Rather than relying on top brands or stores, as most magazines do, the magazine chooses the best products across the web, and makes it accessible to its readers. I also liked the idea of bringing together top chefs for a food sojourn. It was interesting how simple and healthy they cook in everyday life. A new kitchen is probably on everybody's mind. Though a European white kitchen may not suit the many splashes of the typical Indian kitchen, the various ways to add personality with utilitarian curios was welcome. Kitchens tend to get tired real fast, so your convenient cooking feature was totally outstanding. Great going. I am an ardent fan of the magazines unique design and layout. It has a narrative of its own.

Smitha Rajeev, Kottayam, Kerala



Defying The Proverb

Occasionally, I come across the proverb 'too many cooks spoil the broth', but after the Chef Encounter in August issue of TIHG, it should be redefined as 'so many star chef 'royal' the broth'. Therefore, finding superchefs like Sanjeev Kapoor, Vikas Khanna, Vicky Ratnani, Ranveer Brar and Saransh Goila featured in TIHG is nothing short of a landmark achieving for a much loved and much sought after magazine.

Anju Khetarpal, Ghaziabad (UP)





Changing Equation

Until a few years ago, the kitchen used to be the most-neglected part of a house. Very few people would pay attention to detail and think about spending big on the humble kitchen. This is no longer the scenario. Kitchen is getting equal attention as the living room and the bedroom. 'Social Symbols' in the August issue was a reflection of the changing trends and mindset of people today. Utility meets luxury, making kitchens boast of their own style statements. Kitchens, indeed, have come a long way and they deserve all the attention!

Srinath H. R., Karnataka

The Front Runner

TIHG charms its readers just like the way a bear goes crazy over honey. TIHG is a complete magazine, and has always helped me to give a new and a unique look to my house, which has always been appreciated by my guests. The colours and the design is what makes the magazine so close to my heart. The 'Corner in Style' article gave me ideas as to how I can add bright colours as well as a personal touch to my kitchen interior. This magazine is a complete package for home décor.

Astha Sharma, Faridabad



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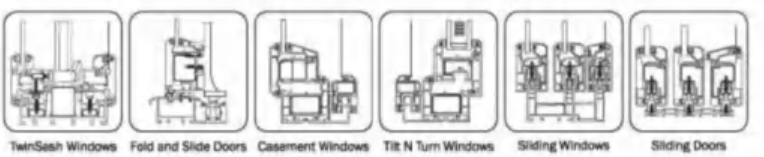




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Green Flooring

Floorings are a demanding home improvement, thanks to constant wear and tear not to mention spillages. Interior designer Ayushi Kanodia talks about various materials that are good flooring options for a green home.

Anchored by: Keshia D'Souza



Ayushi Kanodia



Bamboo flooring by Square Foot

Flooring is the base for any home, serving as the design point to support your decor. And your flooring could be the first step towards achieving an eco-friendly living.

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Easy solutions to keep the floors in your home in top shape.

Impressions: Vamika Naruka
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It is not enough to get fancy flooring for your home. Getting to care for them in the right way is equally important. Naresh Maheshwari, CEO, Pergo India, suggests easy tips to keep the tiles in your home in top shape.

- You can prevent damage to floor and tiles by removing grit, sharp objects, staining agents from the floor. This will give protection from scratches and damages.
- Avoid using greasy products for cleaning as they may leave a film thereby dulling the floor, avoid dragging or sliding heavy items like furniture across the floor. Furniture legs should be protected with soft felt pads that touch the floor.
- The other methods suggested for cleaning the floor are sweeping, dry mopping or vacuuming, it removes loose dust and dirt.
- Always dry floor right after mopping to avoid new dirt accumulation. Best option in terms of durability is laminating tiles as they are protected by a tough external layer. It is much stronger and scratch-resistant, and long lasting.
- The living room should have durable tiles, which has less maintenance. Innovative design and textures are liked more in this area. Kitchen and bathroom flooring should be long lasting, 100 per cent water-proof and comfortable. So, the best flooring for living room would be laminate and for others engineered wood flooring.



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— Compiled by Vamika Naruka

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Jewels for the Door

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Holding Patterns









Seeking design ideas for the powder room in your contemporary home or looking for mosaic tiles for your kitchen backsplash? We put together a reflection of the finest in patterns, designs and colours that you can get your hands on right now!

Produced by: Keshia De Souza
Assisted by: Vamika Naruka
Images: Mahesh Reddy

Graphic Details

- This selection is Italian made and inspired by the Indian prints. Each tile possesses unique beauty and can double as a table runner or coasters for special occassions.
- These tiles come in 80 designs and measure 4x4 inches. Priced ₹150 per piece.



The TAO tiles (on the previous page) have designs inspired by Japanese festivals, measure 6x6 inches and priced at ₹150 per piece.





Indian Accents

- This raindrop glass fusion tile selection in a rangoli-inspired design is a very popular range thanks to its festive style. The bright colours allow you to use them in your furniture design or get framed on the walls.
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Pretty in Pink

Bring home accessories in this shade to lend an element of cute to your space.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



Folia from Clarke & Clarke, Starts from ₹2,350 per m, available at **Maishaa**















1. Pink chair, ₹48,000, **Beyond Designs**
2. Bed collection, price on request, **Home Centre**
3. Pink bloom plates, ₹6,300 for set of six, **arttdinox**
4. Yolande wallpaper from Clarke & Clarke, ₹6,890 per roll, available at **Maishaa**
5. Pink checker mug, ₹299 each, **HyperCITY**
6. Table lamp, price on request, **Home Centre**

Floral pinks lend an element of soft feminity to the home .



Folia fabric from Clarke & Clarke, Starts from ₹2,350 per m, available at **Maishaa**



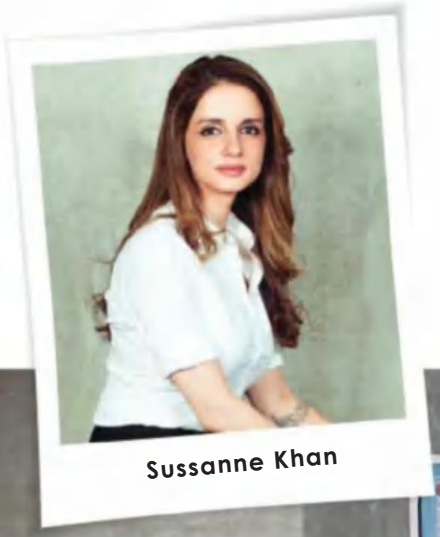








1. Play bunk bed, price on request, **Alex Daisy**
2. Pink bloom cup & saucer, ₹1,940, **arttdinox**
3. Y Bed, ₹1,65,000, **IDUS**
4. Pink lamp, starts from ₹12,000, **The Great Eastern Home**
5. Folia fabric from Clarke & Clarke, from ₹2,350 onwards per meter, available at **Maishaa**



Sussanne Khan

Breezy Blues

Greece's political life and economy seem to be crumbling, but that isn't stopping many to look at the idyllic islands for inspiration, and holiday making. Sussanne Khan's definitely one of them. And that finds reflection in the limited edition look for thehomelabel.com.

Impression: Keshia D'Souza
Images Courtesy: The Home Label





Paying homage to her favourite holiday destination, Santorini, the collection, Breezy Blues, features classic stripes often seen in Ralph Lauren's vacation homes, cushions made with pure cotton linen and hand spun rope, vintage seaside prints sealed in linseed finished frames, magazine hammocks in washed denim, sunshine yellow chairs, cobalt blue convex mirrors, sunburst wall art. This home decor look is set to beautify your home!

POUFFE IT UP

Fun seating for almost anywhere in the home.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

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1. Philapao pouffe, price on request, **IDUS** | **2.** Pouffes, price on request, **Essentia Environment** |**3.** Solid pink pouffe, ₹2,349, **limeroad.com** | **4.** Jute & sabai grass pouffee, ₹3,400, **Fabindia** | **5.** Pouffe, ₹2,500, **The Furniture Republic**

METAL ART

Metal furniture for a snazzy home.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

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1. Sheesham and iron bench, ₹8,900, **Fabindia** | **2.** Cluny chair, price on request, **IDUS** | **3.** Coffee table, price on request, **The Furniture Republic** | **4.** Side stool, price on request, **IDUS** | **5.** Brass bed, price on request, **The Great Eastern Home**

GLASS CLASS

An assortment of accessories in the timeless medium.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh


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1. Silver mosaic candle stand, ₹2,150, **Pick N Get** | **2.** Glass accessory, price on request, **dmart Exclusif** | **3.** Hurricane lamps, price on request, **Dd cor** | **4.** Flower vase and candle stand, price on request, **2Divine-The Lifestyle Temple** | **5.** Vase, ₹45,900, **Frazer & Haws** | **6.** Stupa pendant light from **Klove** Studio, ₹1,15,000, **Exclusively.com** | **7.** Glass accessory, price on request, **The Great Eastern Home** | **8.** Glass accessories, price on request, **IDUS**

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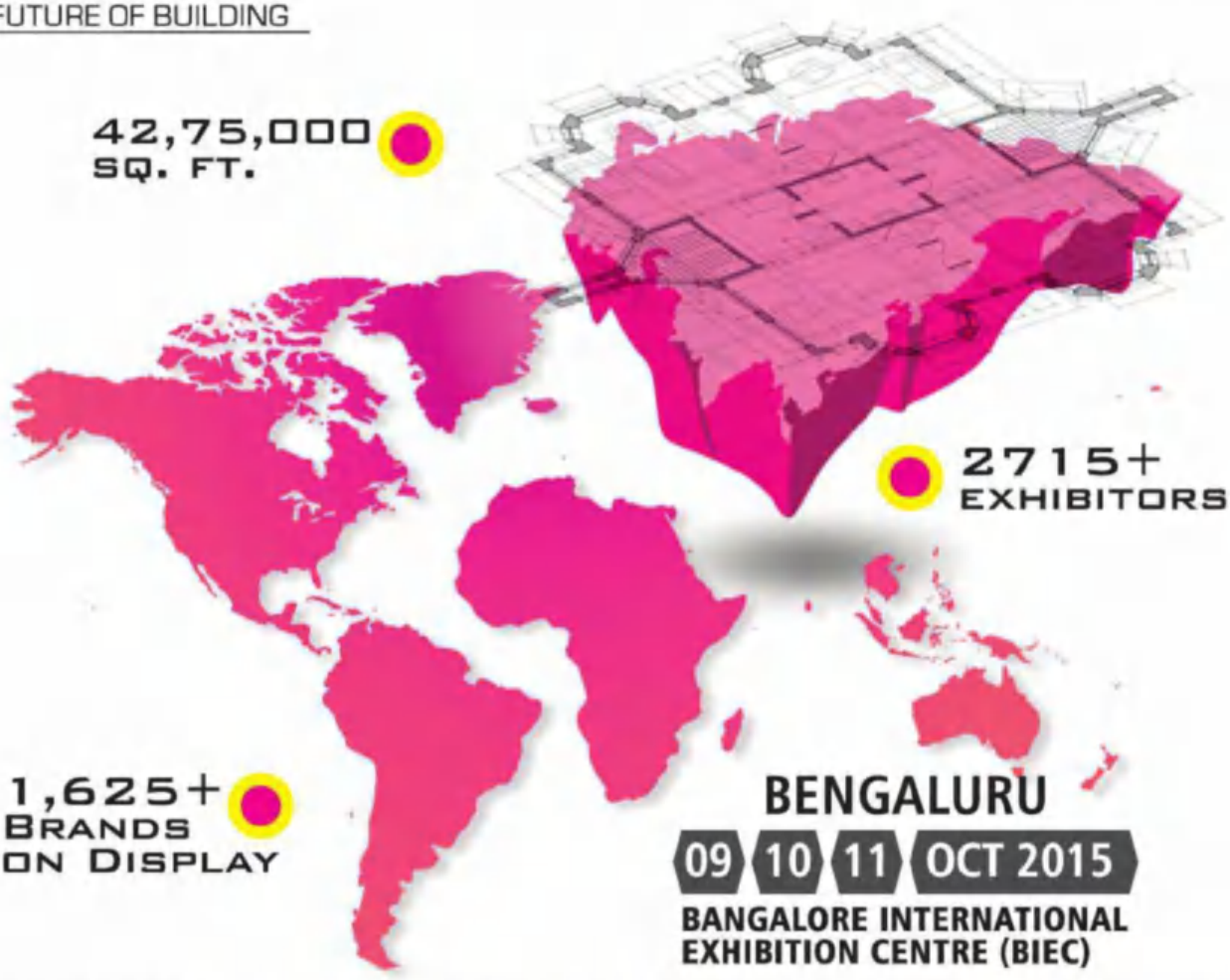
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Impressions: Ruhi Singh

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1. Metal jar candle, price on request, **FabIndia** | **2.** Patchouly candle, ₹650, **All Good Scents** | **3.** Bowl shaped aroma candles, ₹475, **Limeroad.com** | **4.** Amber and sandal candle, price on request, **FabIndia** | **5.** Paradiso candle, ₹500, **KAMA Ayurveda** | **6.** Pink strawberry scented candle, ₹299, **HyperCITY** | **7.** Niana grapefruit and mangosteen aromatic soy candle, ₹825, **Exclusively.com**

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Image: The Ludlow, New York

Soft Home Hues

Trident Limited's new bath and home linen collection weaves together contemporary motifs, innovative use of materials and lavish embroideres with intricate prints, as part of its indulgent offerings. The set of towels and bed linens in sleek silhouettes and dainty nature-inspired and floral prints will make for a beautiful housewarming gift.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Courtesy Trident Group



The Indulgent Collection brings refreshing discoveries in floral and florid prints for modern trendy appeal.

Price on request. Available at www.tridentindia.com

Design Error

In modern decor, the emphasis is always on simplicity, tradition, boldness and innovation. The Anthar Rug, part of the Project Error Collection, by Jaipur Rugs Co., is perfectly modern and brings home an interesting story of the meeting of old and the new. The series is drawn as a reproduction of a □faulty□ carpet woven by three artisans out of sync with one another. The result□ a whole new design born out of an error.

Impressions: Keshia D□Souza
Images: Courtesy Jaipur Rugs Co.



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Superintense Style

A designer of almost pop-star fame, Karim Rashid, talks flooring and the future of design.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Courtesy Karim Rashid
Profile Image: Bando E&C co,. Ltd.



Karim Rashid



Innovations impact every square foot of the modern home (this year, a start-up devised a floor tile that converts the kinetic energy from a footstep into electricity). No modern luxury space can be defined as one without including a supercool technology-driven element at the heart of the space.

As one of the most prolific designers of his generation with more than 3,000 designs in production, 300 awards and working in over 40 countries, you surely have at least a curious, passing interest in what Karim Rashid and his team are up to, especially as surface design is one of his specialities.

"I have always had a super obsessive interest in the floor. I always felt the floor frames is the canvas for our interior spaces. For so many years I have been using interesting patterns on floors, and laminate flooring and ceramic tile allow me to experiment. Floor design is just as important as any other typology of design. In fact floor design touches the typological, topological, and morphological of our built environment," he says.

Among his many creations, standouts include the Refin series with DesignTaleStudio, featuring a rich collection of ceramic slabs for walls and floors, and having new formats and original visually stunning colours that give almost limitless combinations and many possibilities of interior decoration. This has tiles in which thin lines shine out to create an intricate blend of ceramic and design.

Parador is another series bearing the unmistakable touch of Karim Rashid, including Orgo, which has futuristically shaped structures in a forward-looking design system, and the large-scale patterns in Senses—creating a new, emotional relationship with the living space.

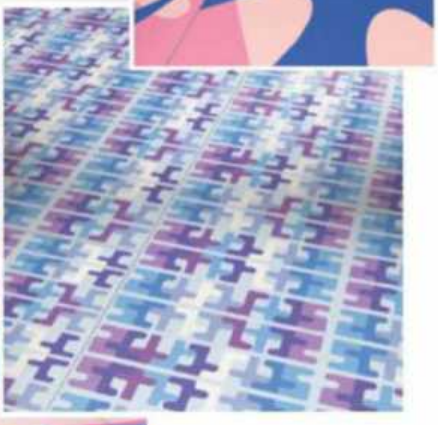














A soothing blue and neutral colour palette induces a sense of tranquility to guests stepping into the lobby of Fairmont Jakarta.

Fairmont Jakarta

Fancy Check-in

whether you are jet setting around the world, or just planning a holiday to any of these destinations, we recommend you check out these hotels, for an experience high on luxury and comfort.

Compiled by: Keshia D'Souza & Ruhi Singh

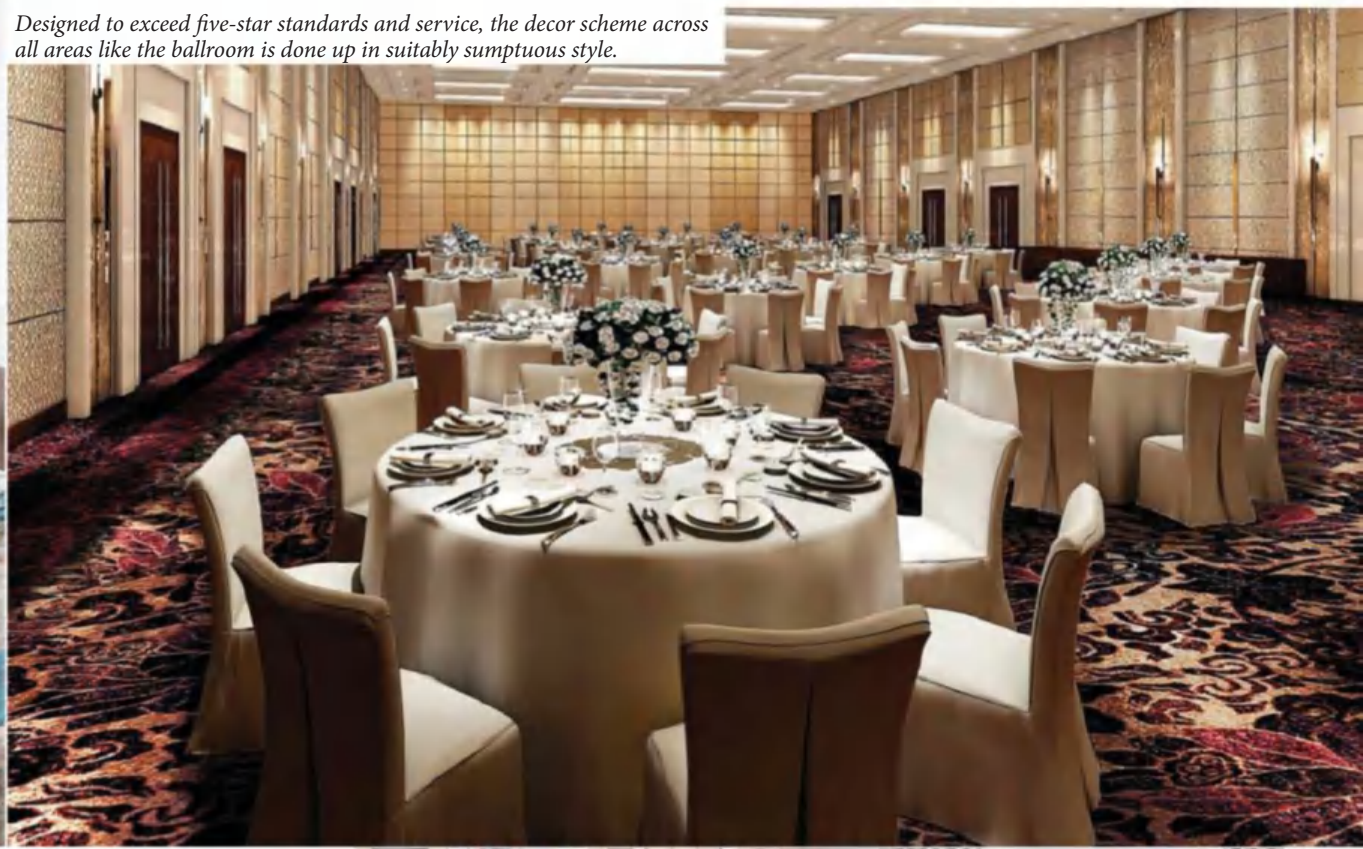


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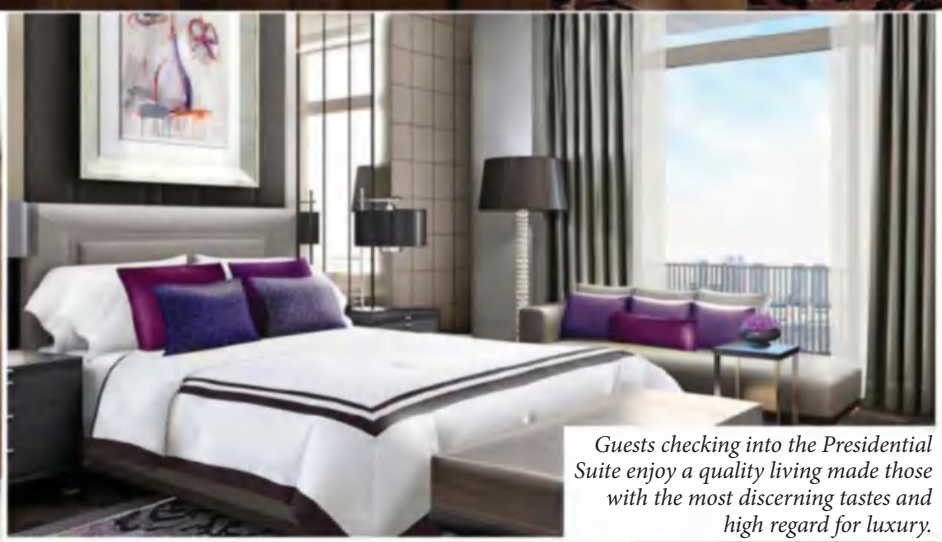


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Tesoro-- The striking Peruvian restaurant housed within a stunning glass and metal conseervatory and filled with olive green trees.

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The Eloquent Elephant – taste fusion cuisine and enjoy a casual drink in this stunning, hertiage-inspired gastro pub.



The Tata Suite offers views of the Burj Khalifa and Business Bay and is spread across an impressive 680 sq. m. space.

The Ludlow Hotel, New York







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Variety in Plenty

Choosing a tile is no longer limited to picking one of the few ceramic designs available in the market. With a wide assortment and varied choices, you now get to pick the design and shade that you'd want for different rooms, no matter how extravagant the cost. Check out these attractive options in tile styles for private, social and outdoor spaces

Impression: Keshia D'Souza



3D patterned flooring in a private residence at Worli, Mumbai with interiors by Alice Von Baum and flooring by Bharat Floorings & Tiles.





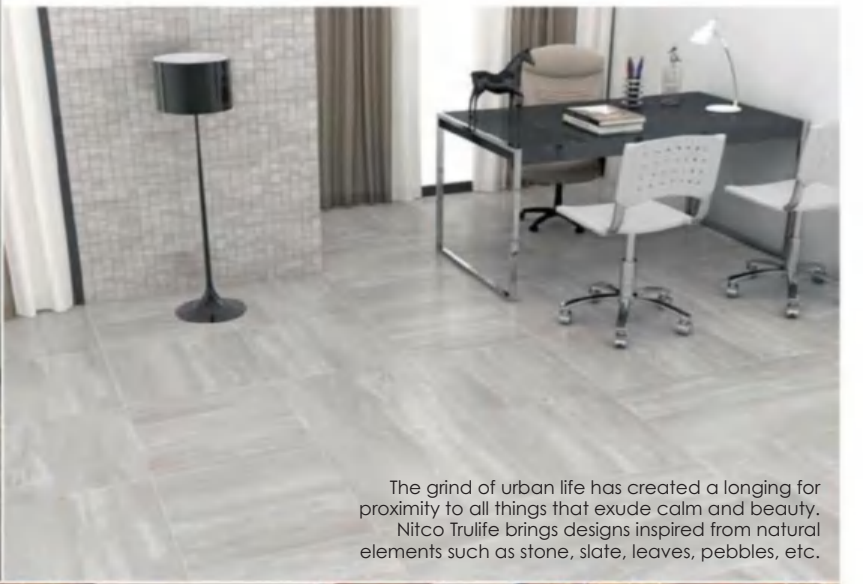
Flooring by Junckers has a rich feel and aesthetically a very strong presence, when installed due to the purity of the wood used, says Suresh Kumar Mansukhani Country Manager - Indian SubContinent, Junckers.



Preference in hardwood flooring is leaning toward exotic species in darker stains, with a growing interest in gray tones, according to Monica Kamal, who has designed this wood-dominated bedroom.

"When I joined the business eight years back, cement was not trendy. But now it has become the trendiest of materials, thanks to a new generation of designers recognising its versatility and durability."

- Firdaus Variava, Vice Chairman,
Bharat Floorings & Tiles



The grind of urban life has created a longing for proximity to all things that exude calm and beauty. Nitco Trulife brings designs inspired from natural elements such as stone, slate, leaves, pebbles, etc.





A combination of various tiles measuring six inches each makes for a stunning design by Bharat Floorings & Tiles for a private residence in Goa.



To maintain the exclusivity of the ultra-luxurious bungalow in Mumbai, local architect and designer Anil Koul of 07 Architects and Planners used Italian marble like Brown Armani, Antique Beige and Travertine in the living room flooring and walls.





Flooring design by Houslife at Ishanya mall in Pune, which offer established brands like Home Town. Opting for colours and shades that are soothing and relaxing works for the bedroom. To mix and match, use various layout patterns, according to designhous, the design studio at Houslife.

“One can create a variety of moods in the room by using a combination of wooden flooring products. In laminate range, for instance, Oak Indiana and Oak Silea by Square Foot, could be used for lending variety or demarcate areas subtly.”

- Gaurav Saraf, Joint Managing Director, **Square Foot**









Frost Dusk flooring from H & R Johnson as part of its Porselano collection for subtle luxury.

Ar. Shobhan Kothari of Atelier Design N Domain creates this amazing space. According to her, it is important to understand the concept of the house while selecting tiles. Once identified, imagine yourself writing a chapter in a book. Likewise, managing different tile styles must ensure a good termination detail between them.



Hardwood flooring is a more expensive option than laminate flooring but you'll find it difficult to argue against its aesthetic appeal, as seen in this option by Notion flooring.







Design by Studio Creo. Parushni Aggarwal Gupta, Owner & Creative Director, stresses on the importance of mixing tile wells to create balance by combining small and largescale patterns.

Dark basalt stone floors is the highlight in the outdoor space in this substantial modern country house in Berkshire, UK, by Gregory Phillips Architects.





Mosaic tile inlay created on the terrace in three distinct colors—blue, yellow, and red in this project, Ekta Heights, by Ar. Reza Kabul.



Though many homes include modern futuristic materials for outdoor flooring, natural stone remains just as popular, as seen this project by Bharat Floorings & Tiles.

"The selection of a tile is based on its usage and the average traffic of the area. Outdoor tiles are required to be sturdier than those used indoors."

- Ar. Reza Kabul



The Flooring Guide

Move beyond plain and staid. Revolutionary patterns and innovative material in flooring can change the way your home looks. Industry experts decode the latest trends.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh



"Though consumers are ready to explore new designs to style their living space with artistic impressions, the all-new Xylos Stella from Duadigi collection is a ceramic product where the design is inspired from natural wood. The Eclat finish on the tile gives a lustrous effect where the design is depicted on the matte surface. This application elevates the aesthetics of the design."

- Ashok Goyal, CEO, **Nitco**



“Back to nature is the new trend in the tile segment. Stones, marbles, woods are the main inspiration for most of the designs that are being launched lately. With state-of-the-art digital printing technology, achieving natural finishes has become possible. Geometrics and floral designs are used but very sparingly as highlighters.”

- Anil Beejawat, CEO, **Simpolo**

“With pollution levels at a constant increase in India, it is advisable to get flooring that is hassle free. Laminate floorings are a good option for Indian weather conditions as they are 100 per cent maintenance-free. There are unlimited expressive possibilities with design and textures such as barcodes, fingerprints, which make the flooring all the more attractive.”

- Naresh Maheshwari, CEO, **Pergo**



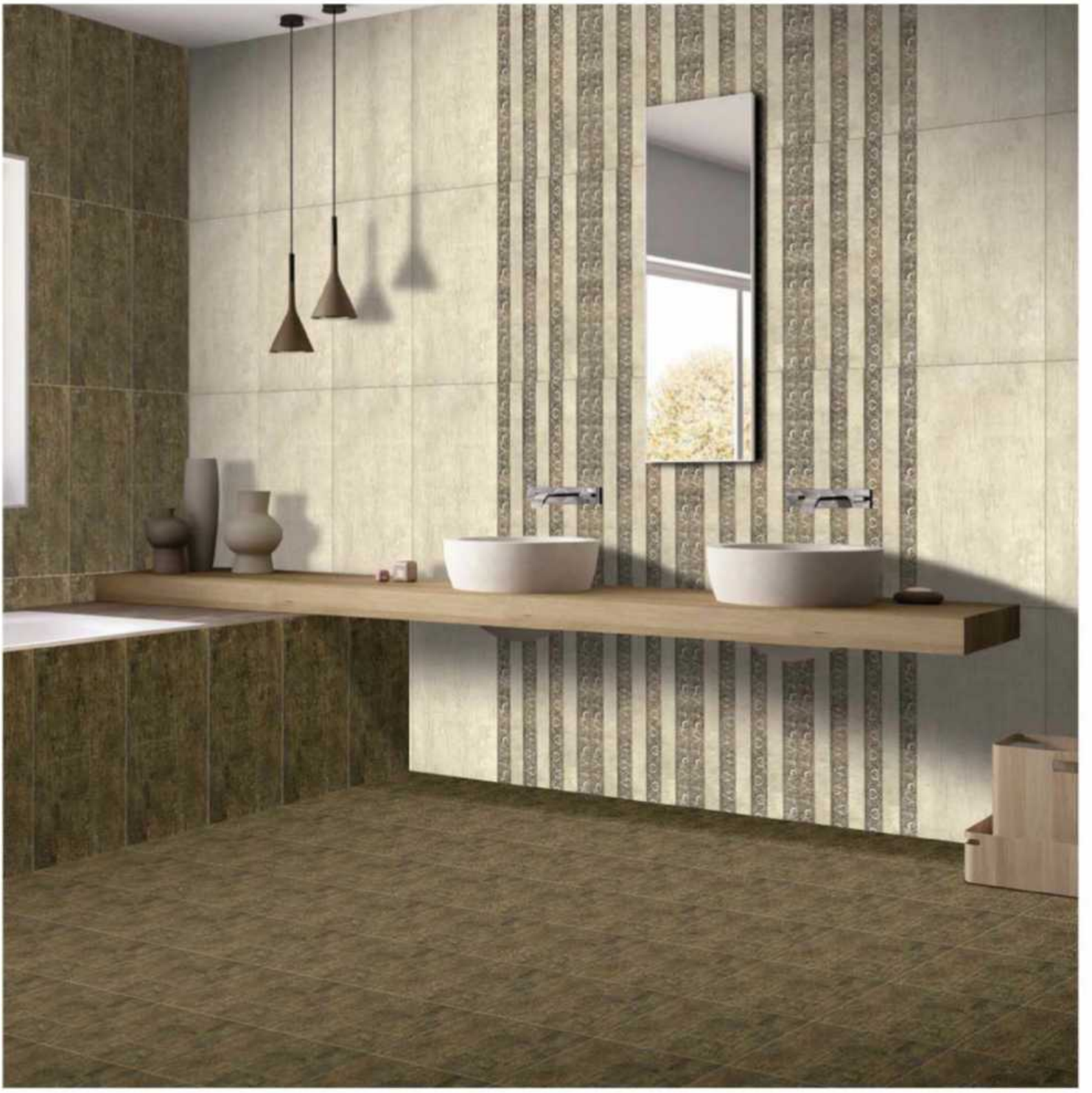


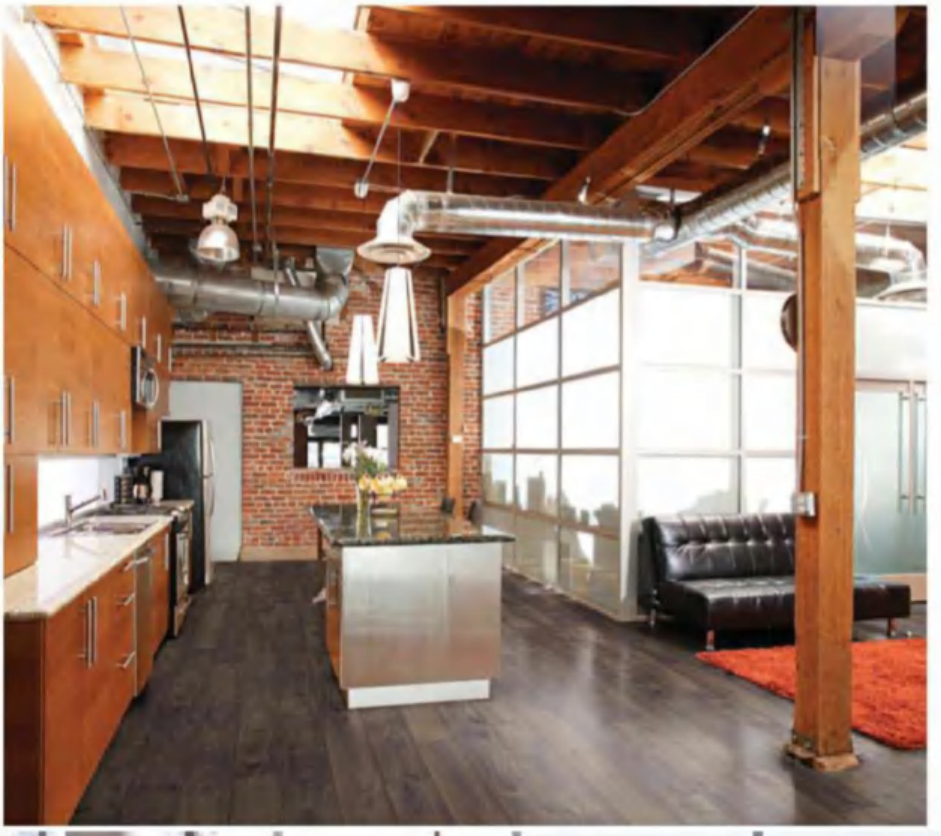
“The original collection from Junckers is a solid hardwood collection which will never go out of trend for its perfect combination of style, comfort and vintage touch. It is authentic, renewable, elegant and long lasting. Since it’s the aspirational choice for home buyers, it will be helpful to look at the long-term and emerging trends for this popular flooring surface.”

- Suresh Kumar Mansukhani, Country Manager – Indian Subcontinent, **Junckers**

“Nature and modern digital trends have impeccable style and are designed to create sensation for your abode. These tiles are perfect to create a beautiful, liveable and comfortable space.”

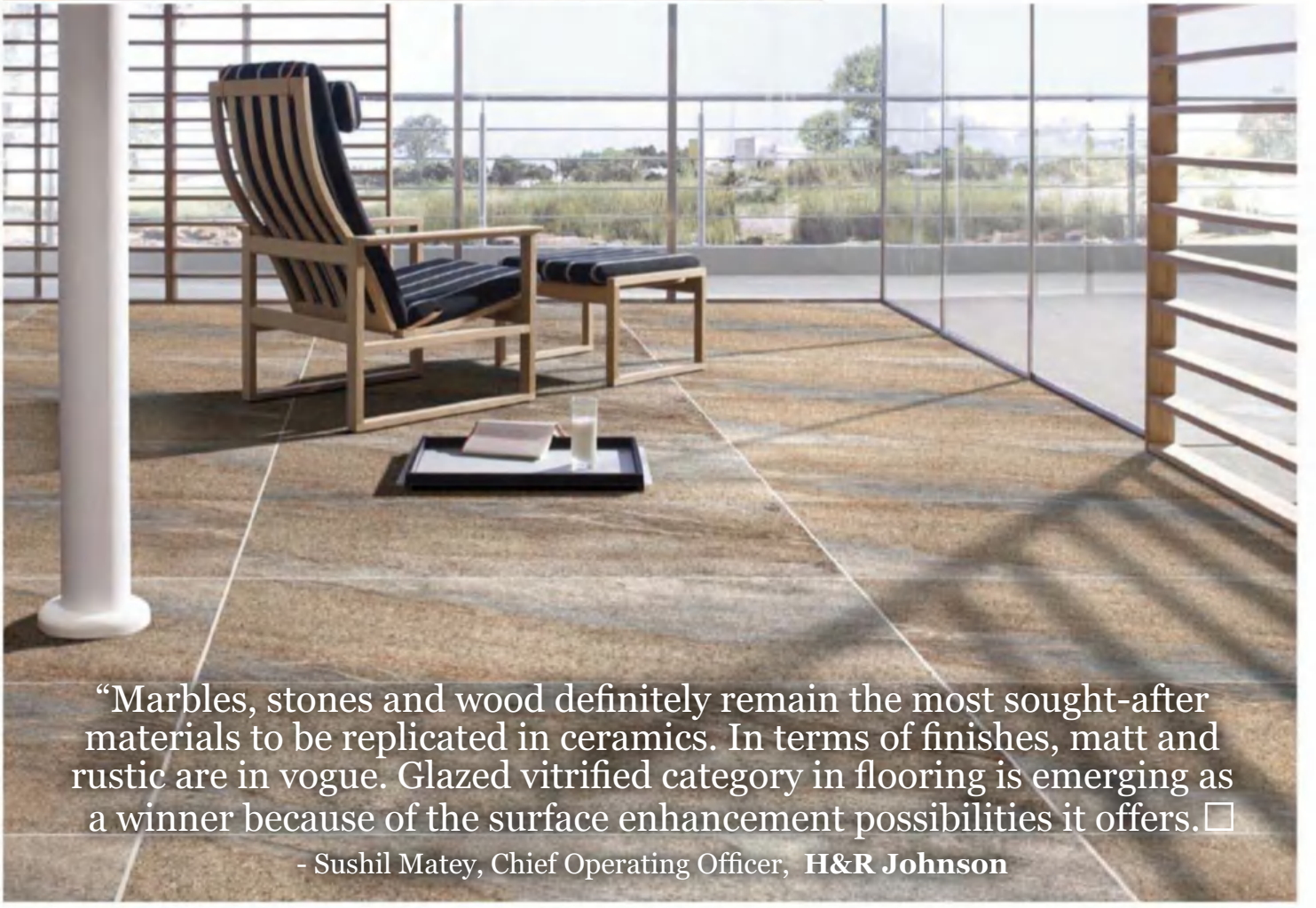
- Chetan Kajaria, JMD, **Kajaria Ceramics Limited**





"Laminate is resistant to many agents that can discolour flooring materials. One can easily install this floor on their existing flooring, excluding carpet. The interlocking planks make it an easy installation and it can be uninstalled without damaging itself or the old flooring underneath."

- Akash Saini, Director, **Notion Flooring**



"Marbles, stones and wood definitely remain the most sought-after materials to be replicated in ceramics. In terms of finishes, matt and rustic are in vogue. Glazed vitrified category in flooring is emerging as a winner because of the surface enhancement possibilities it offers."

- Sushil Matey, Chief Operating Officer, **H&R Johnson**



"Somany's 800X1200mm polished vitrified tiles are available in mixed delicate intricate patterns making it aesthetically rich while giving the distinct marble look. It also comes with special nano gloss coating which makes them highly reflective."

- Charu Malhotra, DGM-Marketing, **Somany Ceramics Ltd**

"Indian consumers have started looking beyond the conventional stone and marble floors and accepting maintenance- free vitrified tiles. With rustic hues reminiscent of distressed aged wood, the overall setting provide a vintage look. Different shades are deliberately mixed together to create a unique natural wood-like flooring."

- Santosh Nema,
CEO, **RAK Ceramics (India)**



"When it comes to floors, consumers like to put their best foot forward. They are more interested in setting trends. Hence, rustic style is the new fashion statement which resonates with your individual style. One such trend is smoked Wood, especially in the Oak variant."

- Anil Tyagi, Business Head,
Mikasa at Greenlam Industries Ltd



Function & Finesse

With the kitchen and bathroom spaces often being high traffic areas, a check for resistance to water and stains is often prioritised over style quotient in these spaces. Yet, a creative mix and match of these tiles, based on the application and clients' aesthetics and budget, can help create an impactful statement and visual interest in the space. Let's browse through some new designs.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Courtesy Designer and Brands

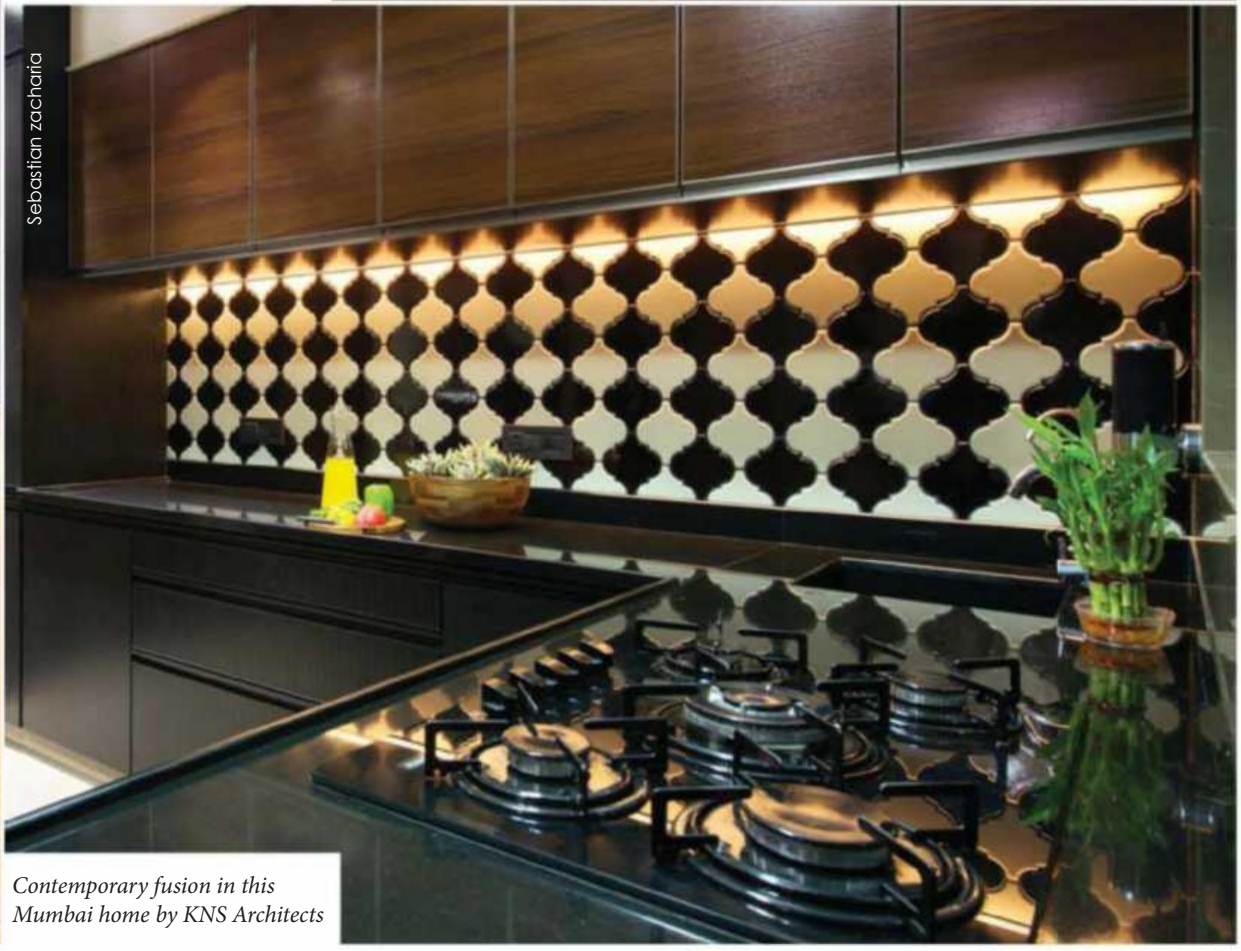


Ash imperial classic flooring by Notion brightens this kitchen.



Melyates

Chinese Basalt flooring in this Berkshire home by Gregory Phillips Architects



Sebastian zacharia

Contemporary fusion in this Mumbai home by KNS Architects





Rio Bianco Super Rustics by Nitco for a rugged look.



Bathroom tiles from Under The Roof— Home Concepts



A visually segregated bathroom through smart flooring in this home by Dubai-based Preeti S Designs

Classic Living

No matter which way your decor sensibilities are tilted, here's a round-up of timeless looks designed to suit all tastes.

Impressions & Styling: Ruhi Singh | Images: Sushant Sinha



"A mix of modern and classic pieces interpret an exquisite look to the space. Add few wooden elements to tone down the look."

- Dolly Tayal, Director, **CellarDoor**



Indian classic design and workmanship in fabrics make the space bright and inviting. Make your abode more colourful with light and bold hues; be it with upholstery or plain curtains.

- Siddharth Khandelwal, Director, **Jagdish Stores**



A right blend of exotic and vibrant is necessary to create a lively look. Go right with the furniture and accessory. A vintage looking rug is a must!

- Aditya Gupta, Founder, **The Rug Republic**

Image: The Rug Republic



"A cool balance of warmth and style blended with distressed and masculine pieces will lend a dramatic classic-contemporary twist to the interiors."

- Aditya Gupta, Founder, **The Rug Republic**

Image: The Rug Republic



“Creating a timeless space with functional designs is a passion for space lovers. A hint of modern touch to a classic space will capture many hearts in the long run.”

-Monica Sharma, Creative Head, **Yellow**



“Elegant and timeless, this look is for those with niche taste. Go right with accessories, and the space will bring out the old world charm perfectly.”

-Geetanjali Anand, Director, **Andy Home**



Curiously Curated

Our design journey took us to Ahmedabad, where we came across the beautiful Travelers Home store. With an array of designs from across the world, this is a clear showstopper.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian



Travelers Home was born when Ruchira Shah Asnani, curator and space stylist, and Ariane Thakore Ginwala, an established interior designer decided to give wings to their creative ideas. After a lot of deliberations and brain-storming sessions, they came up with Travelers Home, a store with a curative attitude and difference—a place where you'll come across all types of products picked up from across the globe. Travelers Home, as the name suggests, is an ever evolving traveller. The ethos and conceptualisation behind the store was to provide a truly global experience. The look and feel of the store is encrusted with elements that relate to travel and the 'globe trotter'. The products displayed at the store have been carefully and personally selected by Ruchira herself, an avid traveller. Travelers Home is her concept driven playground for artifacts and decor products, unique limited editon pieces from India and across the world. It is also a platform for curated and unique artist works from across India.

The products displayed at the store have been procured after





extensive research, says Ruchira. The products are from different places in Europe and Indonesia (they keep getting updated from time to time). A few Indian companies with a unique design language and a global level finishing also find space at Travelers Home.

The products have been mindfully curated, keeping the balance of aesthetics and value. The products are picked considering the lifestyles, the lack of availability in Indian markets, and with a discerning eye for quality. A good thing about the store is that you'll not find repetitive products. Also, a lot of pieces once sold, are not re-ordered, and hence remain unique informs Ruchira. The ideology of the store is to keep evolving constantly. Once the hardcore interiors of a space are done—the colours and textiles, detailing and the accessories bring





"Travelers Home goes beyond the call of interiors at times on the insistence of clients. It gives consultation of how to use the products for styling a space"
- Ruchira Shah

life in a space. It is this quarter of interior that Travelers Home addresses, which has been aptly named as 'Space Styling'.

Ruchira further states that Travelers Home goes beyond the call of interiors at times upon the insistence of clients. They give consultation on how to use the products for styling a space by doing site visits for projects and also sources products specifically for a project. The products vary from utility, functional to purely decor pieces.

In addition to the space on the ground level, Travelers Home also has an event gallery on the first level. Spread over an area of 2,800 sq ft., the event gallery is open for exhibits and events. The exhibition gallery adds variety and an element of constant evolution to the store.





CONTACT:
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N and O Stores,
Mondeal Square,
Prahladnagar Turning
S.G. Highway,
Ahmedabad.

Danish Dcor

Spread over an area of 4,500 sq ft., the BoConcept store in Ahmedabad stocks the best of Danish designs what with dedicated sections each for living, dining, sleeping and office furniture and accessories.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian
Images: BoConcept











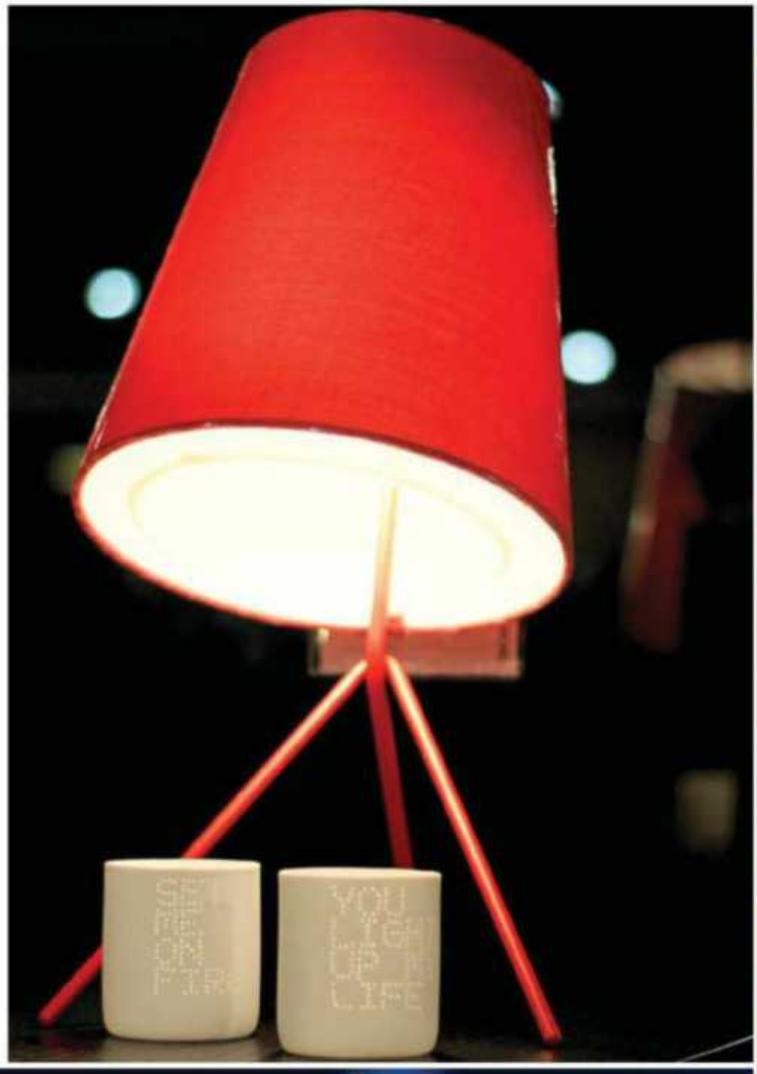




THE BRAND

BoConcept, headquartered at Herning, Denmark, is a high-end Danish designer and manufacturer of sleek, modern furniture, with more of an emphasis on fashion and functionality. This Danish brand comes with a long standing tradition for producing and designing modern furniture with respect for strong design heritage.

With presence in over 300 locations around the world, the India chapter of BoConcept is currently based out of Ahmedabad. In the pipeline are plans to bring to bring the store to Mumbai and Delhi. Classic, stylish, and graceful are the fabulous home furnishings and accessories that the brand has in variety of designs and patterns at affordable prices. BoConcept products are made using the finest quality material that enhances utility value and functionality. The brand also has an impressive medley of contemporary furniture and designer items.











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WHAT'S ON OFFER

The Ahmedabad store of BoConcelt is an ocean of possibilities and inspiration for your home, all at very affordable pricing. As a customer, you'll have the option to choose from customised, coordinated and affordable design furniture and accessories. Customised because BoConcept products are designed to match the needs and dreams of the customers. Coordinated because the brand believes in an holistic approach in the development and design of their product range. Design because BoConcept is a design company having an array of best designers on roll. Affordable because a customer is spoilt for choice with great value.



If you are looking for a wholesome decor experience, this is the place to head to.



Natural Inspiration

Ambika Hinduja Macker is at the centre of the design world, soon after following what she labels as her profound calling. She opens up about her creative philosophy that is inspired by Life and all that comes with Her.

Impressions: Keshia D Souza
Images: Courtesy Impeccable Imagination





Ambika Hinduja Macker, the elder daughter of industrialist Ashok Hinduja, has always been creatively inclined. After producing two features, a couple of documentaries and ad films, she decided to hang up the reels and pursue another passion—for design. "I studied sustainable product and interior design at PARSONS The New School for Design in New York, following which my design studio, Impeccable Imagination, was established."

This Hinduja Group Company based in Mumbai and Dubai is geared towards sustainable product and interior design, hospitality, films, real estate, luxury lifestyle, art and design.

Talking about the passion that drives her creative philosophy and what challenges her imagination, Ambika shares, "We all face challenges every day. Being a perfectionist, however, hard might it be because behind the



Ambika Hinduja Macker







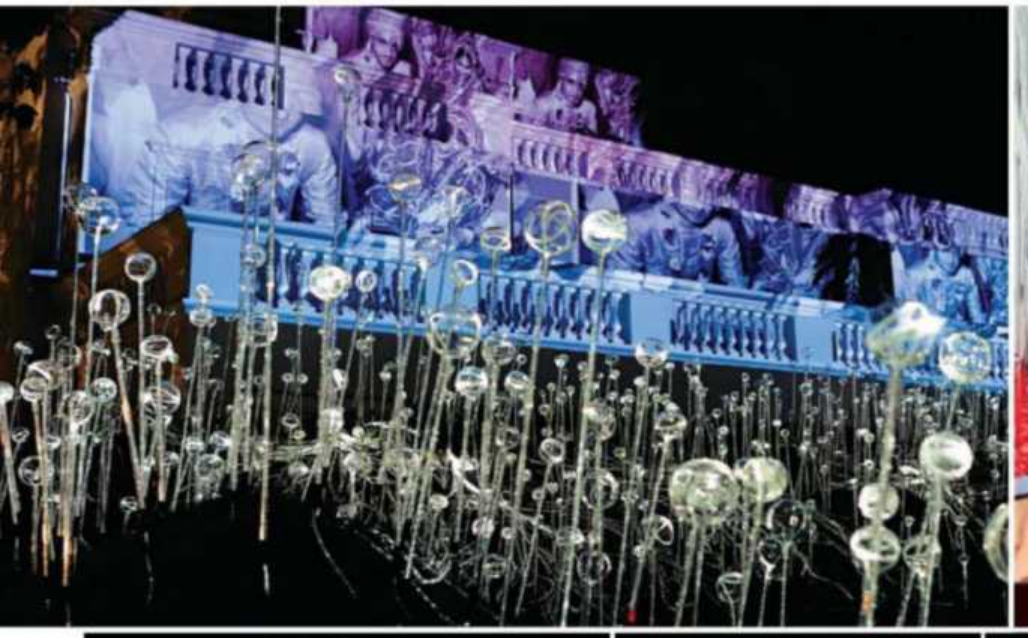


genius of simplicity there will always lay a profound attention to detail and that is the real challenge."

This conviction in simple and sustainable design approach is evident across the firm's works, be it The Dabba Luminaire series; the collaboration with Joseph Walsh studio; retail designs for Jamila Poonawala and Nitin Kalwani, and several residential projects.

The young artist is quite unequivocal about her designs stories. Ambika says, "I believe less is more. This belief extends itself to the spaces I create. Like rivers continue to flow into oceans, my creative energy is always flowing. Nature and all things natural and organic inspire me. My love for design stems from deep within. The organic flow of natural materials and sustaining their natural beauty is what motivates me to continuously create."

When asked about the aspects to be kept in mind when conceptualizing a design, Ambika shares, "When I design, it's intuitive. There is an inherent language to every space and I design to complement that language. I like to keep my designs simple and sustainable."





Zuby Johal







Designs in Glass

Glass is a material wrought from fire, and yet possesses the qualities of ice in its form and being. Zuby Johal, Founder and CEO of bespoke glass installations reveals about the art behind her creations.

Impressions: keshia D□Souza | Images: Studio Avtar

What inspired you to set up Studio Avtar?
Prompted by my mother, I sought out an application for NID. Flipping through the brochure, I came across a ceramics and glass course, and instantly was drawn in. It was a very impulsive decision as I had no clue how glass was made and what I would do once the course was completed.

In the glass blowing class, I watched with the fascination of a small child as the lamp worker melted glass rods, and from which a shapeless mass created beautiful forms. My goal became to have my own studio, with a mission to transform glass into breathtaking light and design experiences.

Briefly define Studio Avtar's design criteria that can be seen in any creation, be it for homes, offices or hospitality-related?
Taking the complex and translating it into the simplest form inspires me.

My installations are made using a similar form but each piece is a little different which is further installed to give a complete feel.









Tell us more about a few of your most inspired installations?

I was always very fascinated with scale. My first break was when I was approached by Adani Power, Mundra to design an installation depicting the nature of fire in context to energy flow. The installation was to be placed at the entrance in front of the auditorium, and was designed in a manner that it would be interactive in nature so people could sit around it to take pictures as well as look at it closely.

The size of the glass rods was six feet and were completely handcrafted. The sphere fiberglass base was five feet in diameter on which the glass rods were installed. The square wooden base was eight feet that provides space for people to sit. Further red stones were used to enhance the overall appeal of the installation. The installation was modular in nature. Since then there has been no looking back. The satisfaction and elation I felt was so gratifying that I had become greedy to experience it over and over again.

So what are the projects that the studio is currently undertaking?

Space and scale are the two things that pull me to undertake any project. We are presently working on an installation for design forum in Delhi and similarly for Bengaluru and Shillim. All these installations are diverse in nature.

Does Studio Avtar have any particular design goals for the coming year?

Our vision is to share intense beauty of glass art with the world. I would like to do more installations in diverse spaces but with more interaction. Hence, exploring technology is going to be of prime focus. In the coming years I would like to build up a studio where artists and people could come and learn this art form and explore the material.



Complete Home How-Tos

Sanvari Alagh Nair, Director, Houseproud.in, is ready to clear any and all your home queries. Leaf through her practical responses and great ideas in this month's selection for more inspiration!



Sanvari Alagh Nair, is the director of HouseProud.in, and has headed creative production of several hit TV shows like Nach Baliye, Oye its Friday and Zor Ka Jhatka.

SELECTING BATHROOM FAUCETS

Q There are so many options for bathroom faucets, and I've done a fair bit of reading on this, but I still can't make up my mind. What's your favourite bathroom faucet style?

Jeanne D'sa, Mumbai

Faucet styles are truly a personal choice, with none being particularly right or wrong. Something that is comfortable, easy to use (especially with soapy hands) and has both hot and cold in the same pipe are generally preferred. As a personal preference, opt for a horizontally longer spout, one that gives you maximum distance from the back of the sink. These are most convenient as they give your hands space to move while washing, without having to touch the sides of the sink. In the same vein, if your sink sides are high, go for a longer, curved spout that makes it easier to get enough water flow without having to touch anything.



Bathroom Faucet option from Vitra

CLEARING CARPET ETIQUETTE

Q Should one go in for an area carpet in dining room area or is this not a done thing?

Sneha Dulani, Mumbai

There are many homes where I have seen a shag carpet under the dining table. On speaking with the home owners, they mention certain gripes that come into play. It may stand to be high maintainance rug for a low-maintainance area. Aesthetically speaking, a shag rug adds warmth and character to its space, wherever it is placed. Functionally speaking, the dining area should look and feel neat, with the table gaining more emphasis than the floor. Primarily, the food and table decor should not have to compete with the rug for your attention. A dining table rug should extend atleast 2 feet beyond the dining table with all the legs of the chairs in. The carpet should allow hassle-free movement for chairs that will be pulled in and out during meal time. It should also be easy to clean, as food maybe dropped one time or another on the carpet. With a shag rug, you may not easily spot the stain or the food, making it harder to keep the area clean. A rug also has a lot of "flyaway hair". Although this may not necessarily get into the food, it may stick to the soles of the shoes or the hem of the trousers depending on static. All in all, the rug could be avoided.



Houseproud.in


Grey Gradient Rug by Surprise Home Linen

SECRETS TO HIDING SWEETS AND OTHER TREATS

Q Can you suggest on some good places to hide sweets and other treats in my kitchen? There is constant war going on in my home over this thanks to my two naughty boys, aged seven and eleven, respectively.

Meena Iyer, Bengaluru

Kids are always caught with their hands in the cookie jar and as much fun as that might be for them, as a mom, I totally get where you are coming from! The safest way is to prevent easy access so you can monitor the intake without frequent trips to the dentist. Ideally, look for boxes and storage jars that are difficult to open for kids. Airtight containers with steel clasps are perfect for the job, and hide them behind healthier options like nuts and cereal jars. The other ruse is to use an opaque jar or storage can labelled as 'tea' or 'coffee'. There are airtight versions of the same available, and only you will know the secret.









Varanasi in Art

Bhuwan Silhare is a landscape and figurative self-taught artist. That art dwells in every part of his body of work is evident in his Varanasi series of paintings.

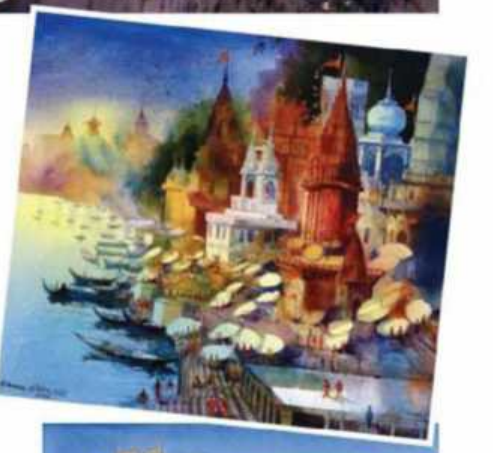
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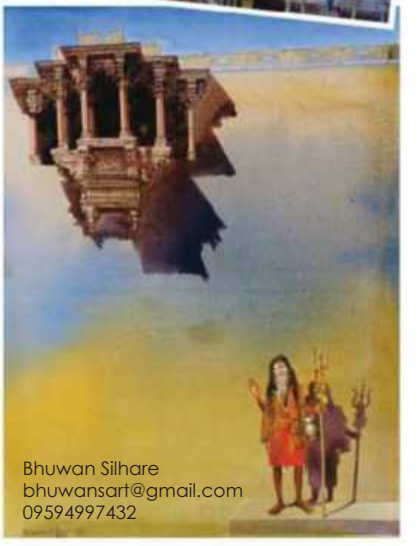
Self-taught artist Bhuwan Silhare, is an inspiration to innumerable budding artists, who have no formal training in art. Bhuwan started painting at the age of 9, but the humdrum of daily life stood in the way of pursuing his passion. However, a chance visit to the holy city of Varanasi changed it all.

He once again took up the brush to start painting the Varanasi Ghats. This was in 2013. Since then, he hasn't looked back, and the overwhelming response from people prompted him to recently hold a show at the Jehangir Art Gallery, to showcase his works on the Varanasi ghats.

According to Bhuwan, Varanasi is a picture postcard, a mosaic of ancient Hindu culture, traditions and spiritualism. "It's an architecturally unique city, entwined in the holy waters of the mighty Ganga. Definitely, this city needs another rendition through colour and canvas. I wanted to immortalise this breathtaking beauty one more time." And this time with acrylic. The pure pristine water of the river Ganges acts as a medium to his acrylics to give that touch of spirituality to his work.

Walk along the corridor of spiritualism and enjoy the holy Varanasi through the eyes of Bhuwan Silhare. Getting to own a painting by him will surely transport you to the holy ghats every time you see it.





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Project by: KNS Architects
Image: Sebastian Zachariah

Minimalist Chic



OWNERS' PRIDE
The owner: Manoj Shah
The Home: 1,700 sq ft. modern home
Location: Walkeshwar, South Mumbai
Rooms: 3 bedrooms, 1 living and dining room and 1 den area
Decor: Modern and contemporary
USP: Strong aesthetic sense of design and detailing
Interior designer: Kavita Shah (Purple Designs)

An apt reflection of the family's taste, simplicity is the prevailing mantra at the Shah residence in Mumbai's Walkeshwar area.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian | Images: Nisha Drego





Kavita Shah

Young and upcoming interior designer Kavita Shah believes that her house is a peaceful heaven. She also believes that her home is full of positive energy, has a sense of peace, calm and comfort. "My home is a warm and welcoming space for anyone who enters," says Kavita. The design of the house is a touch of modern and contemporary. The furniture inside the house is defined by clean lines and is relatively simple. The layout of the house defines a sense of spaciousness and luxury. Above all, the house has been designed keeping in mind everyday practicalities, and has the effect of a comfortable and airy liveable space.

THE CHALLENGES

The placement of the columns and beams in the house was a huge challenge, says Kavita. She wanted to ensure maximum space utilitsation without compromising on the overall look from every corner. A lot of thought process, detailing and brain storming sessions went into the planning of the house. Kavita overcame all these challenges by providing concealed storage camouflaging with the design. She also incorporated false ceiling designs to conceal the beams.

CLASSIC SPACE
The Shah's living room has a classy and mature feel. As we have relatives coming over regularly, an extra seating area is provided in the form of a ledge near the large window, explains Kavita. The living room is devoid of a television unit. This was done deliberately because the living area mainly works as a 'family gathering' zone for regular conversations. A huge mirror has been placed near the dining area to double the space, giving the perception of a bigger area. A separate den was also created to entertain younger guests who come over to play board games and watch movies. The den area is more lively and has lot of quirky elements added to it. As Kavita remains busy and works out of home, the den isn't used much during the day, so the space also doubles as her work/ study station.

THE BEDROOMS
The bedrooms in the house were designed keeping in mind the occupants' preferences and gender. As each room is very small, Kavita felt it was important to make sure there was enough space for storage, movement and circulation. All bedrooms have beds with storage beneath to place bedsheets and quilts, a dresser, provision for keeping sheer curtains and blinds.

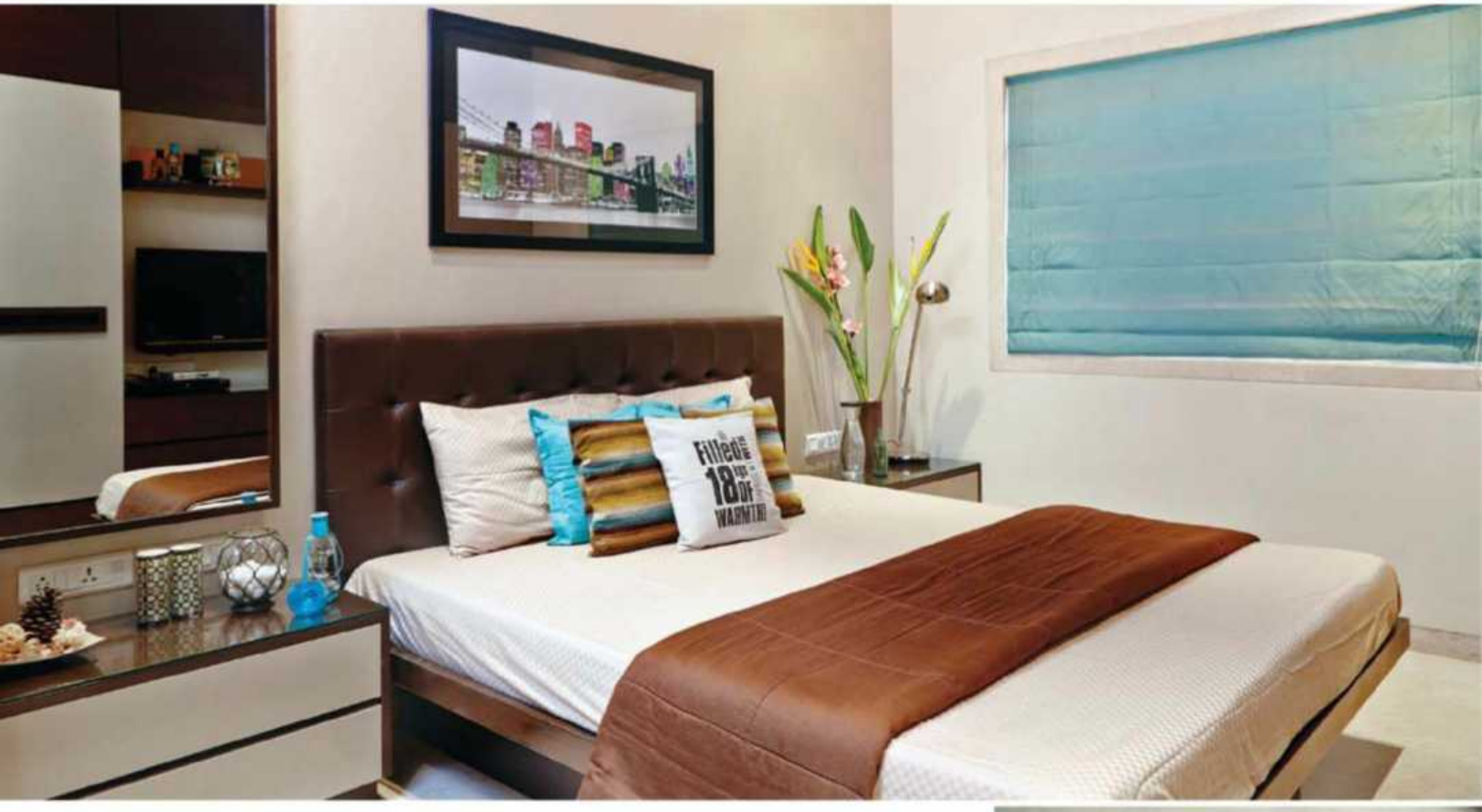
THE MASTER BEDROOM
This room has a more mature feel, given her parents age. The furniture is








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veneered with two shades of colour. Storage has been provided behind the mirror as well as in the slimmer units near the mirror. The two windows in the room provide sufficient natural lighting. The chesterfield headboard is upholstered with fabric and gives a look of grandeur.

Kavita's brother's room reflects more of a masculine element. The furniture is DUCO painted and has polished veneer as well. The pattern of the leathered headboard gives it more of a macho feel. This room has storage behind the mirror for everyday utilities. The furniture in the room has concealed handles to give it a minimalistic edge. Kavita's den—Kavita's room has more of a feminine touch. Wooden flooring has been used to create a warmer feel. An L-shaped bed has been provided with storage on the sides to place bigger items like tennis racquets, guitar, etc. The moulded mirror gives a very chic feel and the corner hanging light creates the perfect lighting ambience. Shelves for display of pictures and artifacts have been provided to create a focal wall feature in the room.

OVERALL FEEL

As the theme of the house is modern, the paintings, rugs, hanging lights, cushions and other such accessories and artifacts used reflect modern living. The colour theme of the walls is more neutral having mainly shades of beige. One of the rooms is done in light grey colour, giving it a more cosy feel. However, colours have been added to the space mainly through the artifacts, wall-papers, blinds and accessories. Thus the overall colour scheme in every room appears different. Yellow lights in all the rooms creates a warm ambience. The ceiling has been designed in a way to conceal the beams for both direct and indirect lighting. Aesthetics and proper space planning are the plus points of the Shah's home.









Premium Living

Kanakia Platino located at Malad East, is an unconventional, fresh luxury living experience that Mumbai is soon to witness.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian | Images: Nisha Drego



FACT FILE

Name of the Project: Kanakia Platino
The Builder: Kanakia Group
Location: Malad East, Mumbai
Number of Floors: 41 Floors
Number of flats: 500 units
Possession date: December 2017

Platino at Kanakia Levels in Mumbai's Malad, is a distinctly unique structure with an innovative design. It is not only a contemporary masterpiece, but also a high-end landmark. Platino is an intelligently planned space that redefines status and majestic brilliance. Designed by world renowned, Singapore-based architect, Daniel Hsia, the soaring tower of class and innovation is strategically located in the midst of Mumbai's fast developing suburb —Malad East. With well developed connectivity (the Western Express highway just a five minute walk), Kanakia Platino is set to raise the



bar for luxury living. The grand lobby at the entrance leads you to the plush 3-BHK and 4-BHK apartments that would offer exclusive privacy and uber-chic interiors, this takes style and sophistication to the next level, thereby welcoming you and your family to an uncompromising modernity.

Kanakia Platino would be a multi-storey edifice. The intelligently engineered and elegantly designed homes would offer uninterrupted views of the city's sky-line. Visible to home-owners would be the world famous Gorai Pagoda and the glorious Madh-Marve sea line. Every apartment would be designed as per Vaastu concept and the east-west facing homes would have ample of sunlight and natural breeze streaming in. As a future proud home-owner, you will get to experience the















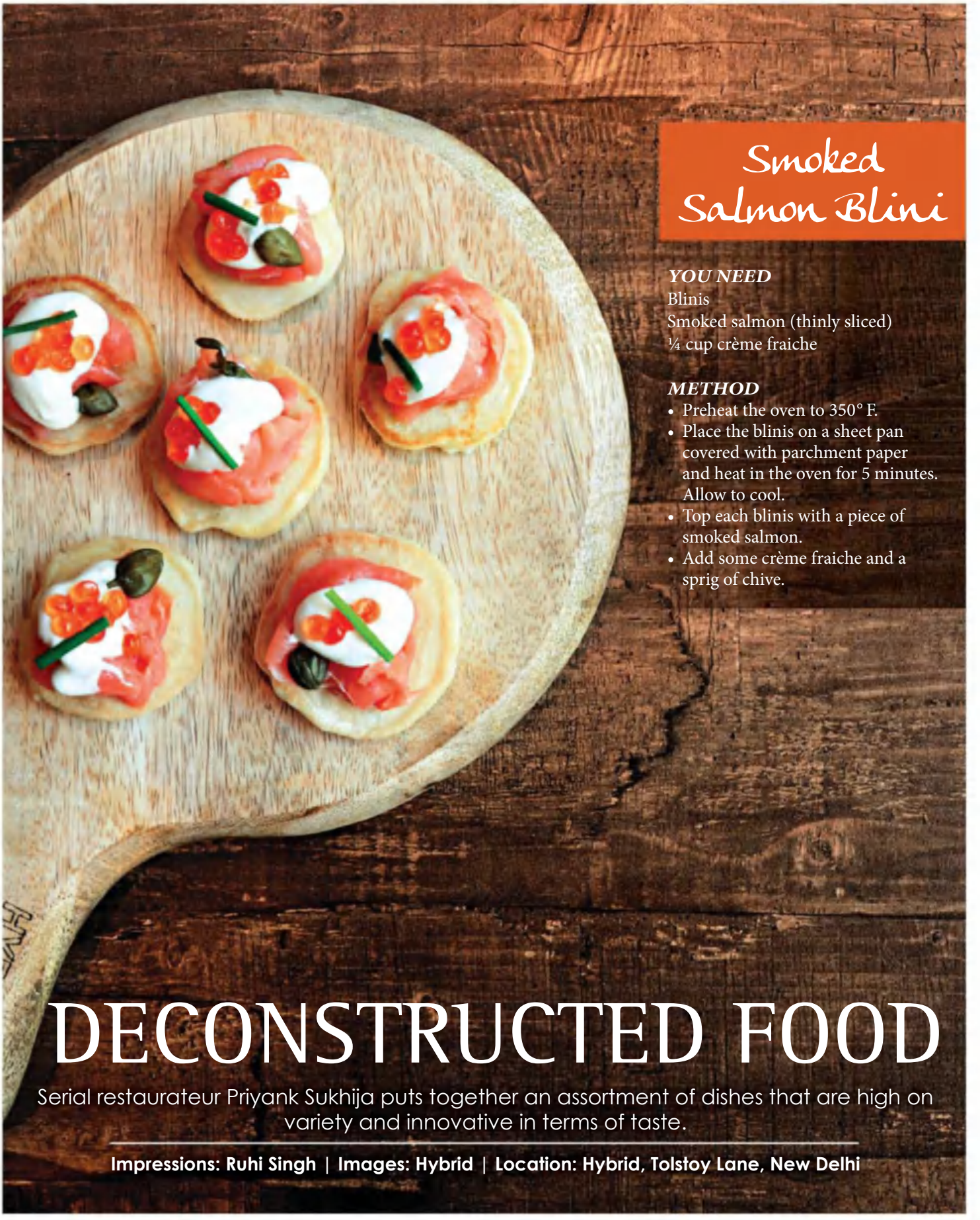
vast open spaces, as Platino would be covered from all sides by 70 per cent green. In every sense, you'll truly feel at home. Platino is not only in close proximity to the highway; but is also easily accessible from the railway station. It is also close to high street shopping destinations like Infinity and Inorbit malls, business parks like MindSpace, the film city and the diamond market at Bandra-Kurla complex.

THE AMENITIES

- Floating clubhouse with state-of-the-art gymnasium.
- Swimming pool with lap pool.
- Maze garden with jogging track and multi-purpose court.
- Turkish Hammam, 5 senses garden and artistic walk.
- Sunset area and sky gardens to enjoy the scenic beauty of the natural environment.
- Multi-purpose court for playing games of your choice.
- Snow spa to rejuvenate your mind and soul after daily stress.

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Smoked Salmon Blini

YOU NEED

Blinis
Smoked salmon (thinly sliced)
¼ cup crème fraiche

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 350° F.
- Place the blinis on a sheet pan covered with parchment paper and heat in the oven for 5 minutes. Allow to cool.
- Top each blinis with a piece of smoked salmon.
- Add some crème fraiche and a sprig of chive.

DECONSTRUCTED FOOD

Serial restaurateur Priyank Sukhija puts together an assortment of dishes that are high on variety and innovative in terms of taste.

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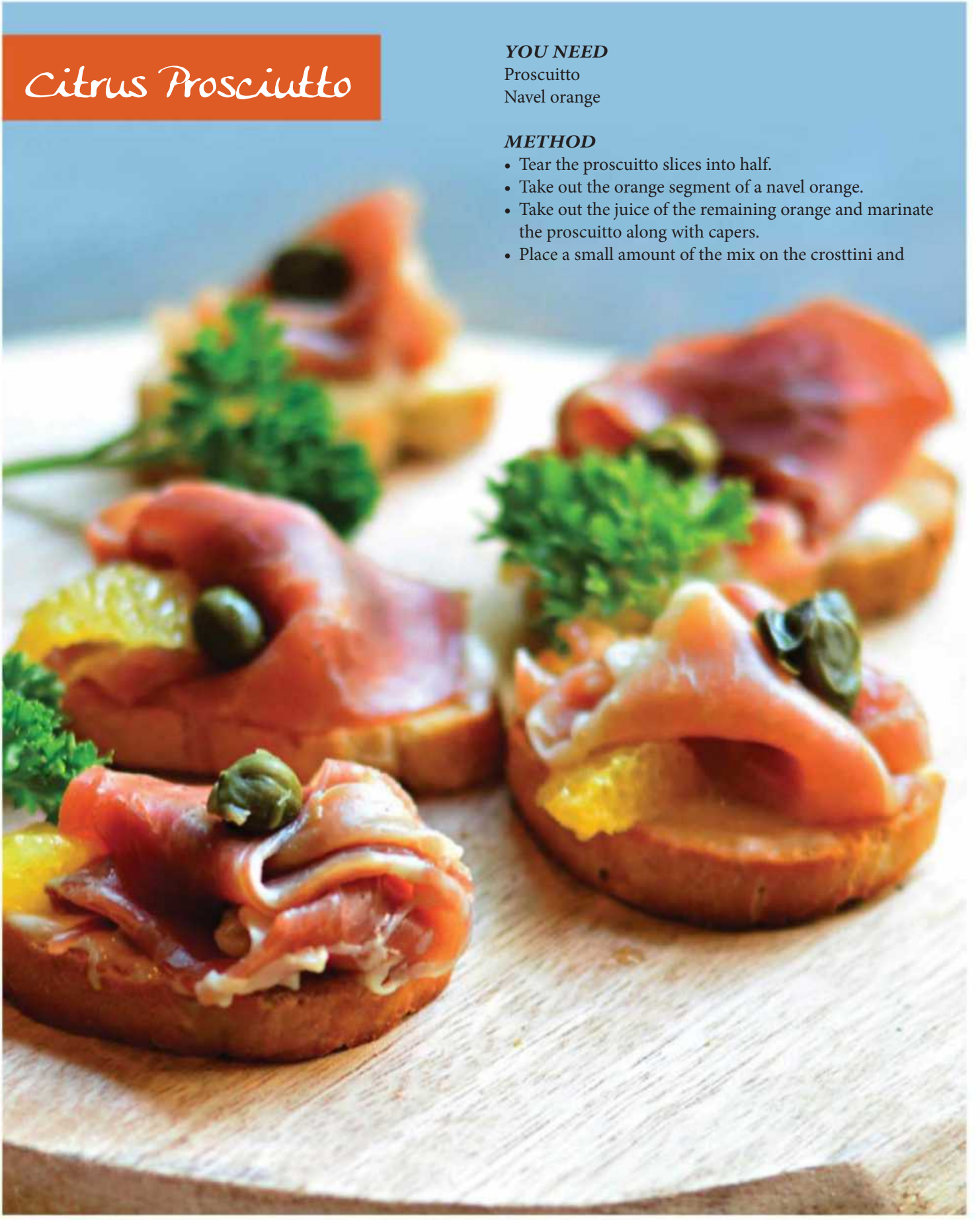
Citrus Prosciutto

YOU NEED

Proscuitto
Navel orange

METHOD

- Tear the proscuitto slices into half.
- Take out the orange segment of a navel orange.
- Take out the juice of the remaining orange and marinate the proscuitto along with capers.
- Place a small amount of the mix on the crosttini and



Chicken Tikka



YOU NEED

Hung Curd
Garam Masala
Deghi Mirch
Kasuri Methi
Mustard Oil
Lemon Juice
Salt to taste

METHOD

- Marinate chicken thighs overnight.
- Skew the chicken on the tandoor seekh and place inside for 10 minutes.
- Keep checking the skewer and in case the chicken is getting dry, baste some melted butter.
- Cook till nicely grilled.
- Serve with mint chutney.

Herbivorous Burger



YOU NEED

For Patty:
Carrot (grated)
French beans (chopped)
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Potato (boiled)
Seasoning

For Harissa Mayo:
Harissa paste
(Fresh red chillies and garlic blended with olive oil)

METHOD

- Sauté the mixture of the patty with little oil. And salt and white pepper to taste.
- Take the mixture off the flame and add the boiled potatoes. Make the desired size patty and crumb it with panko breadcrumbs.
- Deep-fry the patty till golden brown. While it's getting fried, cut the bun into half and start toasting.
- Put harisaa mayo (Harissa paste and mayo) on both sides of the burger and put a lettuce leaf on the base with two tomato slices. Place the patty on the top and put some mozzarella cheese.
- Cover with the top bun and serve with hot French fries.

Tomato Aranchini

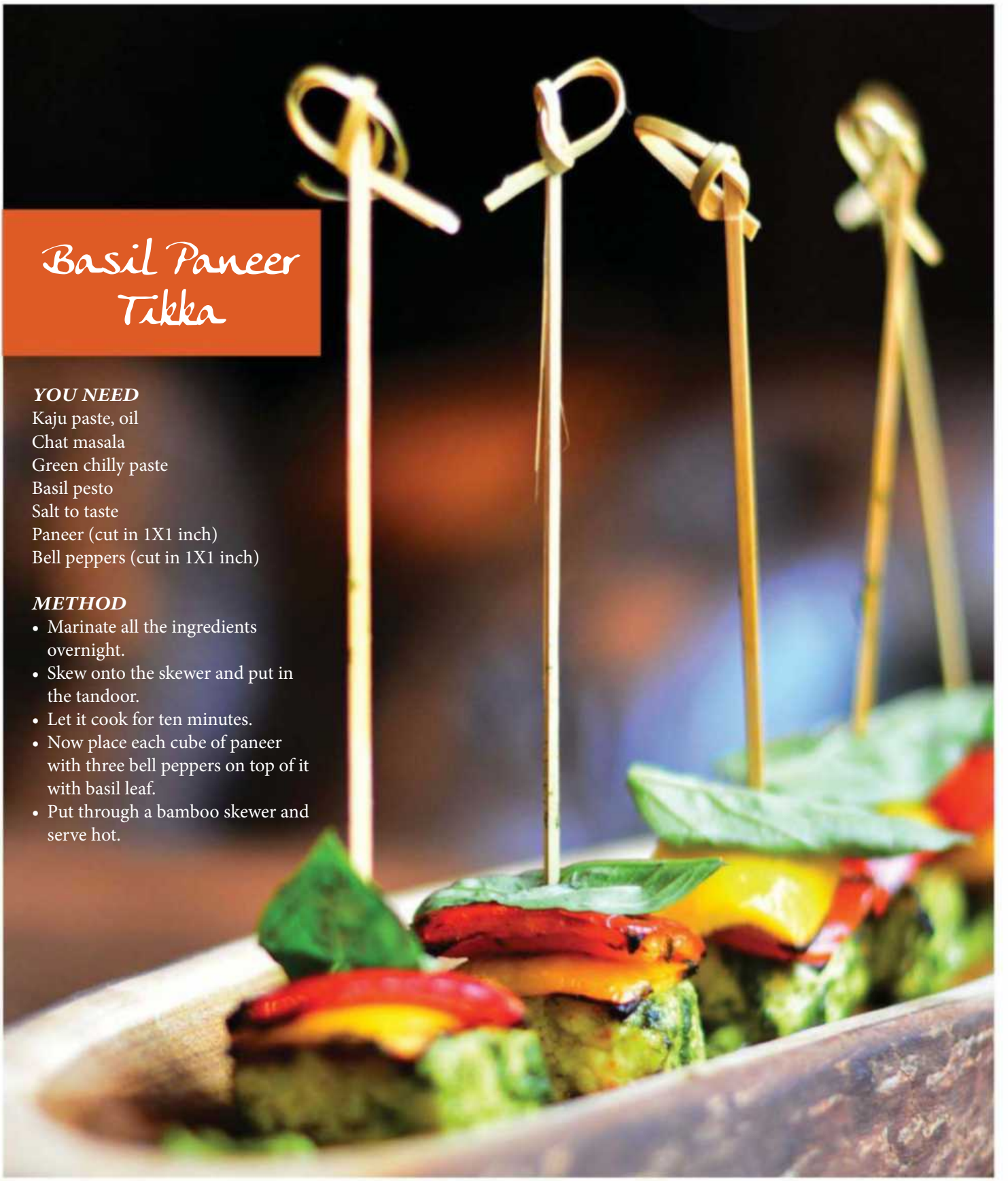
YOU NEED

Arborio Rice
Parmesan Cheese
White Wine
Tomato Paste
Garlic (chopped)
Celery (chopped)
Thyme (chopped)
Oats (tomato flavoured)
Bread Crumbs
Panko Crumbs

METHOD

- Sauté garlic, celery and thyme.
- Add tomato paste and cook for 5 minutes.
- Add Arborio rice and some white wine.
- Once the wine is soaked properly, add the desired amount of water and let the rice boil. Remember to cook upto al dente.
- Add some grated Parmesan just before you feel its done and let it cool down.
- Once the mixture has gone cold, make medium sized balls and put in the mixture of Panko Crumbs, bread crumbs and tomato flavoured oats.
- Deep fry until golden brown. Serve hot with Harissa mayo.





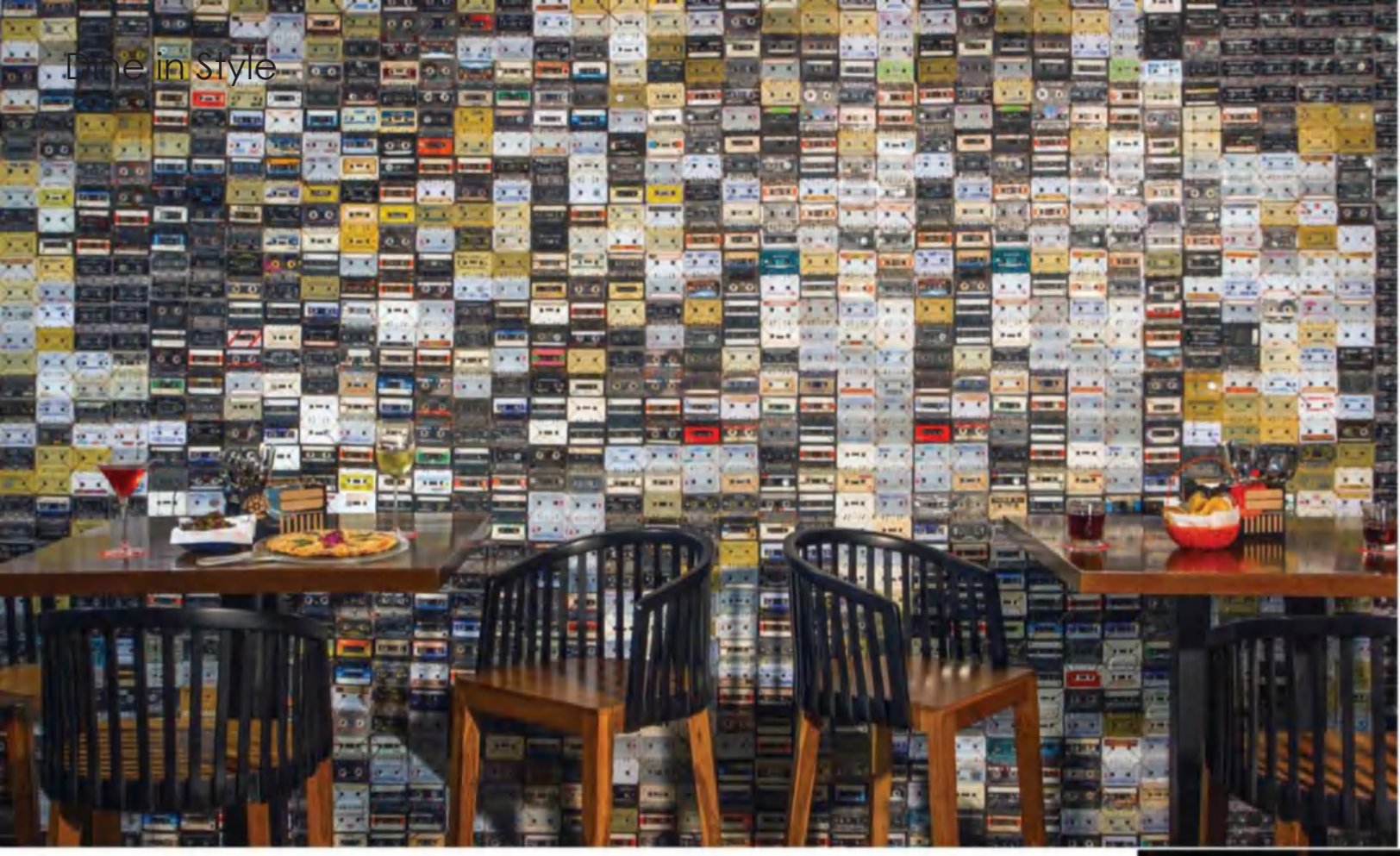
Basil Paneer Tikka

YOU NEED

Kaju paste, oil
Chat masala
Green chilly paste
Basil pesto
Salt to taste
Paneer (cut in 1X1 inch)
Bell peppers (cut in 1X1 inch)

METHOD

- Marinate all the ingredients overnight.
- Skew onto the skewer and put in the tandoor.
- Let it cook for ten minutes.
- Now place each cube of paneer with three bell peppers on top of it with basil leaf.
- Put through a bamboo skewer and serve hot.



A Mouthful of Melody

The concept-driven Radio Bar, in Mumbai's bustling Bandra, is yet another tasty treat seen in an explosion of chic yet casual fine-dining restaurants across the city.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Courtesy Radio Bar

You may have had issues with having to make umpteen calls to book a table for the coming weekend; unnecessary overdue waiting time for a table; an enjoyable chat cut short by an array of hovering service staff—sometimes a fancy meal at a fine-dining restaurant can be quite an awkward experience. Perhaps, this is the reason behind a heap of trendy restaurateurs in Mumbai and Delhi looking to lend a casual, low-key vibe to their high-end dining spaces.

So, are you looking to tune in to a space that offers fancy food with a totally laid-back ambience? Then soak in groovy decor and fancy finger food at the all-new Radio Bar in Mumbai. As the name suggests, this space exudes "Audio, Music, News and Chatter".

Hitesh Keswani, Owner, Silver Beach Entertainment & Hospitality, and the brain child of this concept dining restaurant wanted the atmosphere to reflect this—with a vibe that is uber chic yet full of fun. The interiors are designed by Minnie Bhatt of Minnie Bhatt Designs, who has worked with the group on Silver Beach Cafe and Nom Nom. This 5,000 sq. ft. area has been transformed into a Shangri–la for food and music lovers, and features three main sections— Mumbai's first air-conditioned alfresco dining section; an underground basement section for private parties and music events, and an indoor dining section. Simple décor elements like a superimposed speaker console, microphone lamps, audio tape murals and a shelf full of antique radio sets call to mind the music-soaked theme of the restaurant.







Radio Bar's menu is composed by ex Marco Pierre White Chef - Rohan D'souza, who recommends dishes such as Singapore Chilly Crab Lasagne, Charmoula White Pomfret, Beetroot & Pear Carpaccio Salad, Mini Tacos, Raviolis and Bbq Pulled Pork Spring Rolls. The menu reflects specialities of a global cuisine and consists of dishes that have been created by binding and bonding Eastern and Western flavours to a classic. With a variety of grill items on offer that are served with a Eurasian twist (modern European with Asian infused flavours), the food fully reflects the owners' passion for innovation in finger food. "Our new introduction will be spice dominant. When it comes to food positioning of Radio Bar, our menu is straightforward Eurasian Comfort Food," says Hitesh.

While Radio Bar is all about mellow living, it presents a real flair for haute cuisine that packs in a punch of flavour in its gastronomic creations.



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Grow Your Own Vegetables

The concept of organic farming in India has been witnessing a steady upward trend over the years. Mallesh Tigali, CEO and Founder, Purna Organics, elaborates on the most rewarding aspects about running your very own organic farm.

Images: Purna Organics





I used to frequently visit my grandfather's farm during summer vacations, and I always thought of this as cool and healthy—wanting to grow fresh food by getting my hands dirty by farming some day. As I grew up, I realised urbanisation was impacting our lives beyond imagination. With more people moving away from farming, new generations are deprived of touching, feeling, and eating fresh vegetables and fruits. My beliefs were reinforced through reading various researches on the importance of eating organic food grown without use of pesticides. This prompted me to venture out to helping people take control of what they eat by quitting my IT job and founding Purna Organics. This background has helped in applying process optimisation to understand today's urban challenges in getting fresh and chemical-free food. In one way, I would compare growing organic food on your terraces or rooftop garden to handling babies. They cannot talk, but can express themselves through a number of other means.





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